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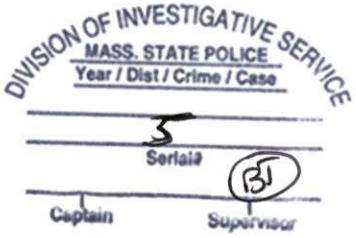
TO: Detective Lieutenant Brian Tully, #3520

FROM: Sergeant Yuriy Bukhenik, #3543

SUBJECT: Firefighter Francis Walsh (DOB (c) [redacted]) at Canton Fire HQ RE: O'Keefe MV Homicide

Case: 2022-112-33

1. On January 29, 2022, at approximately 6:04AM Canton Police Department received a 911 call from a woman reporting a male party, John O'Keefe found in the snow at 34 Fairview Road. At the time of the 911 call there was heavy snow and the temperature was in the teens. Officers Saraf and Mullaney, were dispatched to the scene along with Canton Fire and EMS. One of the responding Canton Fire Department personnel was Firefighter Francis Walsh (DOB (c) [redacted]) who Trooper Proctor and I met at the Canton Fire Dep. HQ for a prescheduled interview on Tuesday, February 8, 2022 at 11:00 AM. The following is a summary of information requested and provided by Francis during that interview with Tpr. Proctor and me.



2. Francis has been employed by the Canton Fire Department for the last 7 years. On January 29, 2022, Francis was working out of Revere Street HQ station assigned to the Engine 3, but since the blizzard was happening Francis was utilizing the station's plow truck to remove snow around the premises prior to shift change. At approximately 6:00 AM a call came in for an unresponsive male party in the snow and Francis's captain came out and flagged Francis down in order to respond to the call for service. Francis recalls the travel to be treacherous and "wicked slow" getting there. Francis stated he could not see the victim upon arrival but was also the last to the victim since he had Engine responsibilities which he had to address on arrival.

3. Francis told us that he retrieved the stretcher from the ambulance and positioned it along the snowbank in the road. Francis stated that the victim was 10-15 feet from the snowbank on the lawn portion of the property at 34 Fairview Road. The conditions at the time were snowy and dark according to Francis. The only thing Francis noticed was that the victim was missing one of his shoe and once inside the ambulance visibility was much better due to lighting but also lack of blowing snow.

4. Francis remembered two females being at the scene and described the situation at the scene as being "chaotic". One of the women Francis stated asked "Is he alive?" Francis told us that one of his coworkers named Tony responded with "Not at the moment but we are doing everything we can." Once inside the ambulance Francis told us that CPR protocols were initiated and he himself did not observe any injuries to the victim's legs, but did notice the right eye to be swollen and facial trauma on the victim with a bloody nose.

5. Francis told us that he cut off the victim's pants and did a tibia drill for a fluid bag and administered two doses of epinephrine. Francis exited the ambulance and proceeded back to the engine when Sgt. Good asked Francis if it looked like the victim got hit. Francis replied by listing the observed injuries to the victim. Francis left the scene with the engine and did not travel to Good

Samaritan Hospital. Not being able to provide any additional info regarding the incident, we thanked Francis for his time and concluded the interview.

Respectfully Submitted,

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